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SUBJECT: ROK FIP

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

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1. WE HAVE NOTED IN SEVERAL RECENT MESSAGES USE OF PHRASES SUCH AS "US MODIFICATION OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN" WHICH CONVEY IMPRESSION OF DIRECT USG PARTICIPATION IN FIP. OUR POSITION IS THAT FIP IS A ROK PLAN FUNDED BY ROK RESOURCES WHICH WE WILL SELECTIVELY ASSIST WITHIN FUNDING LIMITS APPROVED BY CONGRESS WHERE PROJECTS ARE IN US SECURITY INTERESTS. WE DO NOT WISH TO CREATE ANY IMPRESSION THAT FIP IS OTHER THAN THE KOREAN PLAN THAT IT IS.

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2. MOREOVER, RECENT CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY OVER THE US RELATIONSHIP TO THE FIP. THERE IS CLEAR CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN THAT FIP MIGHT BE DISGUISED PROLONGATION OF JOINT US-ROK MOD PLAN AND THAT EXECUTIVE BRANCH MIGHT HAVE MADE AT LEAST INFORMAL COMMITMENT TO IT. WE HAVE MADE IT EXPLICITLY CLEAR THAT FIP IS KOREAN PLAN TO WHICH WE HAVE NO LONG TERM COMMITMENT, AND THAT WE HAVE EVEN DECLINED TO PROVIDE TARGET OUT YEAR LEVELS OF SUPPORT. HOWEVER,

WE HAVE SAID THAT KOREANS ASKED OUR ADVICE ON FORMULATION OF FIP AND THIS WAS GIVEN. HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT WE EXPECT TO REQUEST SUBSTANTIAL LEVELS OF FMS CREDITS IN FUTURE YEARS IN SUPPORT OF OUR MUTUAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY EXPRESSIONS OR ACTIONS WHICH COULD CONVEY IMPRESSION OF DEEP OR DIRECT USG INVOLVEMENT IN FIP SHOULD BE AVOIDED. IF QUERIED, YOU MAY EXPLAIN THAT KOREANS SOUGHT AND HAVE HAD BENEFITS US ADVICE ON THEIR FIP, WHICH WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE. KISSINGER

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